## **Introduced by Senator Lieu**

February 22, 2013

An act to amend Section 25249.13 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to toxic chemicals.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 650, as introduced, Lieu. Toxic chemicals: exposure.

The existing Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65) prohibits any person, in the course of doing business, from knowingly and intentionally exposing any individual to a chemical known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity without giving a specified warning, or from discharging or releasing such a chemical into any source of drinking water, except as specified. The act provides that it does not alter or diminish any legal obligation otherwise required in common law or by statute or regulation, or create or enlarge any defense in any action to enforce a legal obligation.

This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to this provision. Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:* 

- SECTION 1. Section 25249.13 of the Health and Safety Code
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 25249.13. Preservation Of Existing Rights, Obligations, and
- 4 Penalties. Nothing in this (a) This chapter shall does not alter or
- 5 diminish any legal obligation otherwise required in common law
- 6 or by statute or regulation, and nothing in this chapter shall it does

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- 1 not create or enlarge any defense in any action to enforce such a
- 2 legal obligation. Penalties
- (b) Penalties and sanctions imposed under this chapter shall be
- 4 in addition to any penalties or sanctions otherwise prescribed by
- 5 law.